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MATTERS RELATING TO COMMITMENTS

Methodological issues

REVISED PROPOSAL BY THE CO-CHAIRS OF WORKING GROUP I

1. Proceedings

I. Working Group I held a discussion on sub-item 2 (a) (Methodological issues) at its 3rd and 4th meetings, on 8 February 1994. Document A/AC.237/44 and Add.1 and 2, prepared by the interim secretariat, were taken as basis for consideration of the subject. It also had before it a document containing comments received from member States on methodologies for calculations/inventories of emissions and removal of greenhouse gases (A/AC.237/Misc. 32) related to the sub-item.

II. Statements under this sub-item were made by representatives of 16 States, including one speaking on behalf of the European Economic Community. The representative of a specialized agency made a statement. The observer of an intergovernmental organization made a statement.

III. At the 3rd and 4th meetings, the representative of the IPCC responded to questions raised by the representatives in the Working Group.

IV. Having discussed texts presented by the Co-Chairmen (A/AC.237/WG.I/L.15/Rev.1), Working Group I at its . . . meeting on . . . February, recommended for adoption by the Committee, a draft decision on the sub-item.

2. Conclusions

V. On the recommendation of the Working Group the Committee adopted decision 9/_, on methodological issues which is given in annex I to this report.

DRAFT DECISION

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change,

1. Decides:

(a) That Annex I Parties should, on a provisional basis, use the IPCC Draft Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories in preparing their first communications pursuant to the Convention, taking into account the modification as contained in paragraph 13 of the Guidelines for the Preparation of Communications by Annex I Parties which are annexed to decision . . . of the Committee, and to invite the IPCC to disseminate widely the Draft Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories;

(b) That Global Warming Potentials (GWPs) may be used in national communications in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of the Guidelines for the Preparation of Communications by Annex I Parties, which are annexed to decision . . . of the Committee, and to invite the IPCC to provide GWP values for all gases over time horizons of 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500 years for consideration by the Conference of the Parties (COP), to be included, as appropriate, in national communications, and to consider very long-lived gases;

(c) That information on emissions from bunker fuels should be included in national inventories in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Guidelines for the Preparation of Communications from Annex I Parties which are annexed to decision . . . of the Committee;

(d) That the question of methodological issues should be reviewed at its eleventh session in the context of the final recommendations to the COP, taking into account that such methodologies would continue to evolve in the light of improved scientific understanding and practical experience; and to invite the IPCC to continue its work on methodologies particularly those relating to inventories of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of all greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol, global warming potentials of those greenhouse gases, vulnerability assessment, adaptation and projections of emissions by sources and removals by sinks, and to study methodologies for the evaluation of the effects of measures.

2. Recommends:

(a) [That the COP take up the issue of the allocation of emissions from bunker fuels;]

(b) That Governments and relevant international organizations, including the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Maritime Organization, be encouraged to continue and intensify their work on emissions from bunker fuels and keep the interim secretariat informed of progress.

3. Requests:

(a) That the interim secretariat prepare documentation on the work currently underway in relevant bodies, including the IPCC, relating to methodologies on the issues referred to in para. 1 (d) above and to prepare documentation on methodological issues, including draft recommendations to COP 1 based on the decisions of the Committee and relevant new information, for consideration by the Committee at its eleventh session;

(b) That the interim secretariat prepare documentation on the work currently underway in relevant bodies, including the IPCC, relating to methodologies for aggregating national communications, for consideration by the Committee at its tenth session.

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